A Political Circus in Kansas up in the morning and build the fires.
Who should make the fires? Keeps the Balance of the World Querried.

Mrs. Lease, the Female Who Was Urged for United States Senator.

A Man Bounced Because He Ate Pie With a Fork at a Well-Known Hos-

telry.

Those who have not visited the Kansas double-barreled legislature have not seen a political circus.

They have the only one that ever existed, and if Barnum were in his tions all under one canvass and for one long price of admission.

and took it in.



DEACON SIMEON DINWIDDIE.

Scott, whom I helped to marry when and as austere as horse-radish. he was old enough to cat hay, was present at Topcka when I arrived.

would be a colonel. Deacon Goodlander had negotiated a room for me at the Troop House, where Deacon John E. Moats presides wants the government to loan the and more appetite.

There are three parties in the legislative body of Kansas.

not of much account, but they are in this particular. watching for all jack pots and will be "in" before the division comes.

DEACON VISITS TOPEKA. templation. This does not mean a populist for they make their wives get

> That question is never discussed by the populists.
> I get this latter idea from Deacon

Goodlander. Mrs. Lease is at Topeka.

She talks politics and pulls the leg of the populists to the Queen's taste. She wears stylish clothes all but her bonnet and it looks like a pumpkin pie that had been squeezed before it was baked and then was kept in the oven too long.

Her veil just covers her mouth. Black silk dress adorned by lots of beads and other nice trimmings.

No. 5 shoe on a No. 7 foot. When she talks she emphasizes her prime he would be making terms with words with her hands and index finger that dual body for a series of exhibitor her right hand which is unusually

She laughs looking toward the sky Your own deacon has been there and with her chignon resting on her

Sharp visaged.

Prominent nose. Ears set out and not as large as a

pair of boxing-gloves.

Under jaw asserts itself.
When the long haired populist shakes hands with her, he takes hold as if he was grabbing a plow handle. Smart woman and the best advertised female since Kate Bender or Dolly

Mrs. Lease was born in this month. This is early in the season and she is

going to keep ahead. She's 34 in some things and 150 in

Has three children and they all reemble their father.

The ole man Lease is blind and bald-headed which is a good thing for

All baid-headed men are good but some are better-look at your own

Mr. Lease's eyes went out before
Mrs. Lease lost her beauty, for she is
pretty yet and will be until the crack

Citizens of Sedalia and

The populists of Kansas have but few brains and are restless. They remind me of a dog I once paid tax on
—he had only one flea but was always very uneasy.

Mrs. Lease is upright and austere. Deacon Charlie Goodlander, of Ft. She is as upright as a taller candle

It requires the greatest skill to hide weaknesses. Mrs. Lease has an If Charlie lived in Missouri he unusual amount of skill or no weak-

Which?

She is skilfull and practical. She behind the counter with much dignity farmers money at two per cent and —and more appetite. farmers money at two per cent and then she'll get another silk dress.

Men mourn for what they lose. Most of women mourn for what they The democrats are so few they are can't get. Mrs. Lease is not a woman

> Mrs. Lease wants the populist legislature to pass a law that no man shall



AFTER SEEING THE POPULIST LEGISLATURE.

in a game of draw and tried to get the ten commandments. pot with a bob-tailed flush.

Irons, and resemble a mule's father in a Chinese walkaround, after each side many ways, especially in disposition.

They all stop at the Dutton tavern, lains. which is situated close to the jail, and it is feared that they will break in ture I ever attended. The chaplains ries the key is at home to receive them.

speaker of the populists house is bald headed and has a pair of lungs like an emigrant's value and all his followers think he is cuter than a book agent and is for religion, he would make a good steerer for the Salvation Army.

Speaker Dunsmore has gall, but he can't sing Anna Roonev and he laundries his nose with his coat sleeve.

Dunsmore is a good fellow, but the gang that confronts him-that looks burbs of town. up at him-well, lock your smokehouse when you see 'em coming.

The members of that populist house I should have clothes from which smells of wrong. brimstone and lack of soap and sapolia arise. They seem to be crosses between a cowboy and a cavote and would make good freaks in a dime museum, only they would flirt with the snake charmer and deceive her.

Man by nature is a responsible being. Each act of his requires con-

The republicans are more numerous be entitled to work on the road or set and remind one of a fellow who was on a jury unless he is handy with the

January 25-I attended the sena-The populists look like Martin torial election to-day. It was a sort of of the house had prayers by two chap-

there sometime when the man who car- pray for the members and the members prey on the people at home.

The election was not tunny or instructive, but was accidently faceti-

A young man who was elected as a A young man who was elected as a streams, but as the day was clear republican from one of the southern and cloudless, no groundhog appeared, counties, was unseated and not allowed and a great gloom was cast over the assemto vote. He ate pie with a fork at bled mariners, for the prediction was enough. The other fellow who smooths his locks with a curry comb, will warm flat-boat "Henry Clay" struck a snag that sent. He takes his meals at the amidst the stream, and all hands aboard Dutton House, eats with his knife and sleeps in a covered wagon in the su-

Martin was elected senator.

Tobe elected by such a motley gang, I should fear I had done something

I aspire to only one place, and that is postmaster of Sedalia.

I never expect to be a senator or a member of the populist house of representative of Kansas

Of the three, give me death. Thine for the people now on earth, SINEON DINWIDDIE

DEACON.

TO THE GROUND HOG.

Well hath the poet sang sweet strains
Of almost all things animate,
But in these few and quaint refrains
The Ground-hog is my candidate.

Oh!rodent meek! though of't abused And made the butt of ridicule, A new born faith hath been infused In those of tender cuticle.

When breaks the morn of Candlemas, And monks and nuns pray fervently, And ara's sing and candles pass, Dost thou appear most ardently.

Oh! Arctomys Americus!
Well hast thou slept most drowsily,
Whilst mortals, with their boasts and fuss, Were never housed more cosily.

Within the breast of Mother Earth, Thou knowest not severity
Of Winter's chill, which killeth mirth,
And almost Christian charity.

Oh! marmet of old Maryland! Oh! woodchuck of Connecticut! Thou has a home in prairie land, As well as sea-bound Sangatuck.

If every genus of murine, Had half of thy sagacity, Their slaughter would be less, I ween, And free from man's rapacity.

On Candlemas thou cometh forth, To view the weather cautiously. From west and east and south and north, Thou gazeth most suspiciously.

The farmer watches for thy shade, The sailor marks it ruefully, For well they know that if it's made That storms will rage most woefully

So, Ground-Hog, do not come, 1 pray, Til skies with clouds are over-east. That on thy coming thou canst say, The Winter's rigors all are past. -Joe W. Serton.

THE GROUND HOG.

the State Regarding Him.

A Strange Peculiar "Critter."

In order to learn as much as possible regarding the ground hog, and the various traditions attached to him, a representative of the Bazoo was assigned to propound the query—"What do you know about the ground hog?" to every one who would be likely to be able to furnish any information regarding his habits and associa-

Some of the replies to the question are noted below, and as the various opinions are interesting on account of the variety of the excentricities attributed to the an-imal, we feel confident the public gener-ally, will be pleased to learn what some of

imal, we feel confident the public generally, will be pleased to learn what some of our prominent personages have to say upon the subject.

The first person to whom the question "What do you know about the ground hog?" was propounded, happened to be his honor, Mayor Stevens, who was accousted in the criminal court reom, on the morning of the day of the first session of the convention of the Missouri State Dairy association. He answered promptly, and said: "I am a native of Missouri, and was born and raised upon a farm in this to receive competent authority upon which to the probable was born and raised upon a farm in this to a loud guf-faw of laughter."

I hear-say evidence, which would not be admirable.

Mr. Levi Chubbuck, secretary of the state board of agriculture, who is a gentleman of close observation and very methodical in his way, was the next person to whom the querry was propounded. In his usual careful and polite manner he said:

"The traditions concerning the ground hog make his appearance, used their hats as vessels to carry the water from the pool to the ground-hog hole. We worked along vigor-ously for a couple of hours, and began to doubt whether there was any bottom to the hole, when one of the boys, who had given up, half frozen from carrying the cold water in his hat, and who had ran rapidly to the bottom of the hill for the purpose of more accounted in the criminal court reom, on the morning of the day of the first session of the usual careful and polite manner he said:

"The traditions concerning the ground hog but whether there was any bottom to the hole, when one of the boys, who had given up, half frozen from carrying the cold water in his hat, and who had ran rapidly to the bottom of the hole, water in his hat, and who had ran rapidly to the bottom of the blood circulation, and was born and raised upon a farm in this by any action on its part. It is true that Ever since childhood, I have been a problem to my mind."

liever and a close student of the erratic problem to my mind."

Mr. J. H. Monrad of Winnetka, Illinois probabilities for the next twenty-four hours, still, I believe that by nature, he is

On one occasion, when I was a boy, arose about 4 o'clock one very frosty morn ing of February 2, in order to watch the antics of the festive ground-hog when he hould make his appearance.

Tradition has it, you know, that he makes his appearance on that date, and if the day should be bright and sunshiney, thereby causing him to perceive his own shadow, that he will skip back into his hole, and there remain for the following six weeks. During this period rough and unpleasant weather will follow, and sailors are warned by this action of the groundhog, that sea voyages will be tempestous and beset with many dangers. On one morning of ground hog day all

of us gallant mariners who plowed the raging Mississippi and the treacherous Missouri, had watched in vain to perceive the greusome ground-hog frisking along the banks of either of the Troop House, and that was manifest, that rough seas and turbulent waters would succeed that day, and this was afterwards verified, when the gallant

> Yes, sir, the ground hog is a better weather prophet than Prof. Tice." The next person to whom the question was propounded, was the Hon. J. L. Erwin of Fulton, who was elected to the office of president of the Missouri State Dairy assoiation, was also chairman of the State

Road convention, and was chosen as the

permanent president of the Missouri

consisting of two niggers and a bull pup

were swallowed up by the angry waters.

AN APOSTROPHE,
Assilor would sooner his wife on a bier, Than a Candlemas morn that was cloudless and clear.

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interlocutor, by his startling assertion, that he really knew little or nothing of the animal. All he could say, would be hear-say evidence, which would not be ad-

was born and raised upon a farm in this by any action on its part. It is true that state. That is why I believe in Sedalia, the animal burrows deeply into the earth and that is also one of the reasons why I and lies dormant during the winter weatham making such a strong fight for a state er, but whether it is possessed of an instinct appropriation in aid of the State fair. that will act as an indication of the weath-Ever since childhood, I have been a been to follow its advent, is still an unsolved

him actually come forth from his hole to editor of The Datry Messenger, who attended take weather observations, and to give the the State Dairy Convention, when ap-clerk of the weather pointers as to the proached upon the subject, was pleased to

hours, still, I believe that by nature, he is endowed with a natural instinct, which teaches him the weather probabilities for the following six weeks.

On one occasion, when I was a boy, I are a short A colock one very frusty morn. appearance with the utmost faith in the traditions, and are as credulous as to what will follow as are the sailors of Denmark,

Sweden and Norway."
Mr. J. Y. Sawyer, of Chicago, editor of the Dairy Column, said :

"If the people in this world were only half as careful as the ground-hog in the provisions it made to care for itself during the uncertain weather periods, a great amount of human suffering could be avoided. The ignorant and superstitious put great faith in ground-hog day, and the weather conditions of Candlemas had much to do with ocean trips of some sailors, for six weeks after that date."

Among the many prominent personages, who attended the Road convention, was Judge S. M. Houston of Green county. Judge Houston was be a in Montgomery county, Indiana, and is a gentleman full of entertaining and interesting reminis-ences. So when he was asked the question, "What do you know about the ground-hog?" he replied in a cordial manner as follows:

"In the State of Indiana and also in Greene county, Missouri, the ground-hog is looked upon with a great amount of the question upon him, and were greatful veneration and respect. I remember, when I was a boy, at one time on the second day of February, a party of us youngsters, knowing where there was a but prior to that time, he had only tradiground-hog hole on the side of a hill, detion as his guide."
termined to watch this hole until the Mr. II. J. Sharp then note what he would do, when he came out and met the light of the day. Having waited almost an hour, we began to grow restless, and finally one of the older boys proposed, that as his hogship did not seem disposed to make his appea-

to a loud guf-faw of laughter." "Upon our inquiring the cause of his that would float a steamboat, merriment, he pointed to a small clump Thompson, J. F., arrived i

of bushes, and exclaimed, 'Why, you blamed set of idiots, you have been pouring water into a hole up on the side of the hill, and it has been running out of a hole at the bottom of the hill, for the last hour. Come and see for your-selves." At this, we all descended to where he stood, and there sure enough, was a hole and the water was still trickling through it. But the next question to agitate us was, what had become of the ground-hog So we beat about the bushes for another hour or more, and at length were rewarded by seeing the ground-hog skimming along the edge of a fence, fully ten rods from us, but going at such a pace as to deter the fleetest footed boy in the crowd from any lesire to give chase, and would you be lieve it? From that day on, until the Fourth of July, we had glorious weather. Oh! the ground-hog knows"

George Harned of Cooper county, also a

delegate to the Road convention, and ex-Mayor Bell of Bouville, also put great faith in the weather that followed the ad-

vent of the ground-hog.

But it remained for the Hon. N. D. Thurmond, of Callaway county, to east the just on the eve of expressing themselves, and Representative Marsh was about to re-lieve himself of a pent up ground-hog story. For it is always a greater pleasure to draw a tear from the hearers' eye, than for the author of a story to suffer untold agonies by stiffling it, after it has once come to the surface.

We turned away with a sigh, and sought

Mr. H. J. Sharp said that if the people

D. H. Smith said the ground hog was allright, and Joe H. Kelly said he was just

Visits the West.

Thompson is in town. This is J. F. Thompson, with a "p. This Thompson is cashier of the Seaboard National bank of New

If he has a bank as good in New York as the bank his namesake presides over in Sedalia, J. C. Thompson First National bank, in proportion to the size of the city, he has a hum-

"Seaboard National bank;" how

that sounds in a prairie city, forty miles from anything but a heavy dew

Thompson, J. F., arrived in Sedalia. unheralded and his praises unsung. We'll sing 'em now.
If he'll listen be can catch the mel-

ody and sing it to his best girl when he returns to the seaboard. When he arrived he inquired for Ira Hinsdale and a jack rabbit.

He called on his namesake of the First National and Will Powell of the Citizens' National. After that Thompson went to the

edge of the city near the kite-shaped track looking for buffalo tracks and bear hair on the fence corners. While there he met Col. Henry D. Hill gathering flowers and senti-

The colonel invited him to the grave yard as a species of western musement.

He declined and the colonel wept aloud.

This was the sentiment they cold water of his disapproval upon the subject when he said the ground-hog idea was all bosh and fudge. And this too, when Senators Tunnell and Yeater, were were the subject when the said the ground-hog idea was all bosh and fudge. And this too, when Senators Tunnell and Yeater, were in the Bowery and secure a place for "The Granny" for he's a darling. J. F. Thompson, call again and we

promise you the freedom of the electric line, and an invitation to tea with the Sedalia planing mill company. You will always be welcomed by

THE BAZOO, if you come again before the crack of doom.

An Important Resolution.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sedalia school board was held Friday atternoon. After a lot of routine business had been transacted, the fol-

Resolved, That no pupil who has been Road Improvement Association. It was believed that this gentlemen, from his extensive knowledge of farming, dairy, country roads and other subjects of a like nature, would be also possessed of a larger fund of knowledge and experience of the ground hog; but his reply somewhat dazed and staggered the suffering from any contagious disease, and